Early People

Introductory Lesson

The Mysteries of Cave Art

## 1. When did the Pleistocene Age occur?

* + **A) about 30 to 13 million years ago**
  + **B) about 30,000 to 13,000 years ago**
  + **C) about 10,000 years ago**
  + **D) about 3,000 to 13,000 years ago**

## 2. Cave paintings were created by Homo sapiens.

* + **A) true**
  + **B) false**

## 3. How did the artists leave handprints on the walls?

* + **A) They dipped their hands in ashes.**
  + **B) They used a burnt stick to trace around their hands.**
  + **C) They used a hollow bone to blow iron oxide pigment around the hand.**
  + **D) They used a hollowed out stick to blow manganese pigment around the hand.**

## 4. What was one of the main subjects depicted in cave art?

* + **A) the daily life of women and children**
  + **B) animals such as the bull, horse, and bear**
  + **C) domestic animals such as the cat and dog**
  + **D) animals such as the woolly mammoth and whale**

## 5. The early artists created brushes from \_\_\_\_\_.

* + **A) reeds**
  + **B) jute or hemp**
  + **C) pine needles**
  + **D) hair and moss**

## 6. The dots in the paintings represent \_\_\_\_\_.

* + **A) stars**
  + **B) years**
  + **C) animals**
  + **D) people**

**The Caves of Lascaux and Chauvet:**

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**The Caves of Lascaux and Chauvet**

Why did the artists create the cave paintings?

What colors did the artists use in their cave paintings?

What animals did the artists include in their paintings?

What other observations did you make about the paintings?

Cave Paintings

In the space below sketch a scene similar to the scenes in the caves of Lascaux and Chauvet. Then, explain your artwork on the lines provided. Remember, the early people used these drawings to tell a story.

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